

ARROWMONT

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Arrowmont Narrows Choices to Gatlinburg and Greeneville *Knoxville Site No Longer Under Consideration*

(GATLINBURG, TN) 06/30/10 – In its ongoing effort to select a permanent location for the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, the organization’s Board of Governors has narrowed the options to remaining in its current Gatlinburg location or moving to a new site in Greeneville, TN. The board announced that Knoxville is no longer being considered. The board will now further their discussion with representatives from both Gatlinburg and Greeneville, TN in terms of the specific details related to both communities as it moves forward to make a decision in August.

Mary Ann Hruska, President of the Arrowmont Board of Governors, stated that while an urban setting in Knoxville was intriguing to the school, the proposal did not meet its needs. The board met with the community task force that was appointed by Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam in April and was presented with an option to relocate the school to Knoxville.

“Obviously we are disappointed to no longer be in consideration for this project however, through this process there is a stronger relationship between the Knoxville community and Arrowmont. We wish them continued success in their process and look forward to ways we can collaborate in the future,” said Rhonda Rice of the Knoxville Chamber and Chair of the Knoxville task force.

Arrowmont Executive Director David Willard added, “Through Arrowmont’s strong reputation in contemporary craft education, we look forward to continuing discussions on how we can work together to provide the citizens of the city stimulating programs in the future.” The school currently has plans for a basketry exhibition with the Knoxville Museum of Art in 2012.

About Arrowmont

Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is a nationally renowned arts center that offers an artist in residence program and one, two-week and weekend workshops in ceramics, fiber, metals, glass, painting, mixed media, and woodworking for the beginner to advanced artist. Students learn in professionally equipped studios on a 14-acre residential campus in Gatlinburg, TN. Five galleries, an art supply store, and artist resource center are open visitors year round. For more information about Arrowmont’s programs, visit www.arrowmont.org or call (865) 436-5860.

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